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Kata et al.

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For PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

INQUIRY AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability papers mailed on July 21, 1998, no indication is provided that the claim of foreign priority is acknowledged and the certified copy has been received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Records of the undersigned attorney indicate that the priority document was filed with the application papers on September 25, 1998. Applicant requests an acknowledgment of the claim of priority prior to issuance of the patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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